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Shortage of HMMWV Radial Tires Dec. 15, 2006

Issue:

Due to the on-going strike at Goodyear, TACOM has issued a Maintenance Advisory Message (MAM) #07-010 restricting issue of new radial HMMWV tires to equipment in SWA or equipment headed that way. Other units will have their requests for HMMWV Radial tires placed on back order until the tire situation improves.

Where does this leave units outside of SWA? Well, you may be able to use the older bias ply tire if your vehicle is an M966, M998, M998A1, M996, M1025, M1026, M1037, or an M1038. See the MAM for details.



Warning:

Here are a couple of cautions to keep in mind relating to this issue. First, NEVER mix radial and bias ply tires on the same vehicle. Second, NEVER use radial tires on the eight bolt bias ply rims. You can, however, use either radial or bias tires on the 12 bolt radial tire rim. Keep in mind, if you use a bias tire on a radial rim you will need to also use a Bias Runflat as listed in the MAM. Third, don't operate vehicles with tires worn past their wear limit. And finally, locally purchased tires, such as "Super Swamper" tires, create additional hazards and are not authorized for use on HMMWVs. For more info on unauthorized tires see MAM #05-021 or contact your local LAR.

Additional Hazards:

Due to this issue, Soldiers may try to keep radial tires on their vehicles past the wearout criteria referenced in MAM 07-010. Also, units may also try to use unauthorized tires that did not pass safety certification. Both of these additional hazards are unacceptable.

For more information on the MAM #05-021 and MAM #07-010, go to the USACRC's ground messaging Web site at <https://crc.army.mil/Guidance/cat.asp?iCat=569&iChannel=15&nChannel=G>uidance.